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In re Application of:

Sujata KALE and
Michael W. LONG

Serial No.: 09/753,043

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For: PROCESS FOR EX VIVO FORMATION
OF MAMMALIAN BONE AND USES
THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1636

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 7, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 7, 2002 for which the date for response was April 7, 2002.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to June 7, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10009005/SLH.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-30 and 38, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at Steven L. Highlander with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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